



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Kazuto NISHIDA :

Docket No. 00177/526327

Serial No. 09/331,763 :

Filed June 25, 1999 :

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MOUNTING
ELECTRONIC COMPONENT ON CIRCUIT BOARD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 16, line 22, change "the bonding device" to -- the positional alignment device --.

Page 25, line 16, change "Fig. 12H" to -- Fig. 1H --.

Page 26, line 1, change "the ball 93" to -- the ball 96 --;

line 3, change "Fig. 22B" to -- Fig. 2B --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 18, line 10, after "the positional alignment" insert -- device --.

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the application in better condition for examination.

Particularly, editorial revisions have been made to the specification and to claim 18.

Furthermore, enclosed is a Letter Re Proposed Drawing Amendments, and attention is directed to the following.

Thus, Figure 2E is being changed to correct an obvious error.

Furthermore, enclosed is an eighteenth sheet of formal drawings including Figures 15D-15G. The Examiner is requested to enter such sheet of drawings. This does not constitute new matter, since Figures 15D-15G are of record in the file of the international application as filed. Filing of this sheet of drawings merely constitutes filing formal drawings of such sheet. Formal drawings of the other figures, i.e. Figures 1-15C, were filed June 25, 1999. If there are any costs or PTO fees associated with this request, then authorization hereby is given to charge such fees to the deposit account of the undersigned, i.e. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER RE PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of Figure 2E marked in red to indicate a change thereto to correct an obvious error.

Furthermore, enclosed is an eighteenth sheet of formal drawings including Figures 15D-15G.

The Examiner is requested to approve the correction to Figure 2E and to enter Figures 15D-15G.

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